

Senate Bill 544

By: Senators Halpern of the 39th, Butler of the 55th, Anderson of the 43rd, Harbison of the 15th, Sims of the 12th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state
2 flag, seal, and other symbols, so as to provide for placement of a public art exhibition in
3 honor of Georgia's wartime veterans; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
4 laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state flag, seal,
8 and other symbols, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

9 "ARTICLE 8

10 50-3-130.

11 (a) Subject to the availability of funds, there shall be placed in or on Liberty Plaza or
12 within the capitol building grounds the Veterans Victory Garden of Heroes, a public art
13 exhibition to memorialize the sacrifices and experiences of those Georgians who have
14 served in America's wars from World War I forward.

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- 15 (b)(1) Such public art exhibition shall be designed, procured, and placed by the Capitol
16 Art Standards Commission, subject to final approval by a public art committee composed
17 of the following members of the General Assembly:
- 18 (A) Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the
19 House of Representatives;
- 20 (B) Two members of the Senate appointed by the Lieutenant Governor; and
- 21 (C) One member from each house of the General Assembly appointed by the
22 Governor.
- 23 (2) The public art committee established pursuant to this subsection shall stand abolished
24 upon placement of such public art.
- 25 (c) Public funds may be expended for the design or procurement of such public art as
26 available. Gifts and donations from private individuals, organizations, or foundations shall
27 be accepted and expended by the Capitol Art Standards Commission to carry out the
28 requirements of this Code section.
- 29 (d) Such public art exhibition shall be procured and placed as soon as practicable but not
30 before the state has been granted any intellectual property license necessary for the
31 purposes of this Code section."

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SECTION 2.

33 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.